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DISTRICT PRESENTS AIRE AWARDS

The Valley's transit authority and a local aerospace company were recognized for their efforts to enhance local air quality, as the AVAPCD presented its 1999/2000 awards for Achievement In Reducing Emissions (AIRE) on September 19, during its regular Governing Board meeting.

The AIRE Awards recognize District constituents who demonstrate an exceptional commitment to clean air through the development of voluntary activities or projects, which reduce or prevent air pollution in the Antelope Valley. According to the AVAPCD's Air Pollution Control Officer Chuck Fryxell, "By recognizing individuals and organizations who go the extra mile to protect air quality, the District hopes to inspire others to follow their lead in implementing innovative and effective ways of reducing air pollution."

The recipients of the 1999/2000 AIRE Awards are as follows:

The Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA), for their "Bicycle Racks on Buses" program. In July of 1999, the AVTA installed bike racks on 25 transit buses that serve the communities of Lancaster, Palmdale, Quartz Hill, Littlerock and Lake Los Angeles. During the first two months of the free program, Antelope Valley residents boarded an average of 200 bikes per month on AVTA's busses. To the agency's delight, that number has skyrocketed to a current average of 2,500 bikes a month. Assuming that two boarded bikes equal one car left at home, it is estimated that the "Bicycle Racks on Buses" program takes over 1,250 cars - and countless air pollution emissions - off the road a month.

Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company Palmdale, for the development of an integrated chemical management system designed to automate and ensure precise "cradle to grave" record keeping. With more than 4,200 chemical products actively in use at the Palmdale facility, insuring compliance with federal, state and local chemical usage reporting requirements can be onerous, as well as detrimental to the environment, if performed improperly. To address this problem, LM-Aero developed a sophisticated record keeping system which features computerized tracking of all product constituents, rigorous environmental health and safety review for new chemicals, and daily usage reports which carefully quantify and help minimize emissions. With the presentation of the 1999/2000 AIRE Awards, LM-Aero became the first entity to earn the AVAPCD's highest honor twice: the aerospace company received its first AIRE Award during last year's inaugural presentation ceremonies.

The AIRE Awards are presented annually in conjunction with National Pollution Prevention Week, September 18-24